

21 Duxbury Runners Complete Marathon

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It was a great day for watching the Boston marathon, but the consensus amongst most Duxbury runners is that it was too hot a day for the race. Fourteen men and seven women from Duxbury completed the race.

The fastest male Duxbury runner was Stephen Ikeda, with an official time of 3:12:12. Franny Haney was the fastest female Duxbury runner, with a time of 3:48:58.

Joe Gaughan, at 61 the oldest Duxbury runner to compete, said, "It was 71 degrees in Wellesley. It was very hot. It sapped a lot of us." His official time was 4:21:52.

Gaughan, who bet a fellow runner from Pembroke a meal at Bella's over who would have the faster time, said both runners made the same mistake.

"We came out too quickly. Our early pace was fast, 3:50, but it caught up with us. He crashed at 22 miles, I hung on a little longer and beat him by about 7 minutes," Gaughan said.

Gaughan, who is an assistant district attorney for Plymouth County got introduced to the sport of marathon running by former Norfolk County district attorney, now Congressman Bill Delahunt.

"In 1983 I had just started running, and someone told me to try a race. I did, and then Bill Delahunt convinced me to run the Boston marathon. He gave me a book called Self-Coached Runner. It's a daily guide to the last ten weeks before a race. I used that book, and at age 51 came in just under three hours. Not bad for an old guy," Gaughan said.

OFFICIAL TIMES FOR DUXBURY RUNNERS:

Male runners:

Stephen Ikeda - 3:12:12
 Jerry Hanrahan - 3:17:30
 Brian Delaney - 3:34:31
 Gerald Bray - 3:37:01
 Leo Hillary - 3:55:08
 Joseph Gaughan - 4:21:52
 Douglas Jones - 4:29:47
 Peter Dimatteo - 4:36:31
 James Mello - 5:07:43
 Douglas Hart - 5:13:40
 Geoffrey Kelly - 5:15:17
 John Graham - 5:28:25
 Michael Haley - 5:29:55
 Michael Pakstis - 5:40:18

Female runners:

Franny Haney - 3:48:58
 Tessa Casey - 3:56:32
 Mary Algier - 4:15:07
 Siobhan Sheehan - 4:44:32
 Patricia Dalton - 5:23:13
 Pamela Smith - 6:00:13
 Terry Doherty - 6:20:16

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In total, Gaughan has run 35 marathons. This was his seventeenth or eighteenth Boston marathon.

Jerry Hanrahan had the second fastest time for local male runners, coming in at 3:17:30.

"I must be getting slower. I was fastest last year," Hanrahan said. This was his 10th Boston marathon, his eleventh overall.

Hanrahan works for John Hancock, which sponsors the race, so he got a few perks, like being able to wait for the start of the race inside, and access to the company's health club.

"It definitely makes it a little nicer," Hanrahan said.

Pam Smith, who ran her 10th Boston and 14th overall marathon this week, said she will definitely run again next year, despite a bad sunburn she suffered on her back and shoulders this time.

"I started running marathons to get rid of 10 pounds after having my daughter," Smith said.

The last seven years, Smith has run to raise money for the American Liver Foundation, raising about \$6,000 this year, and \$25,000 overall. The 240 members of the American Liver Foundation team raised a total of \$1,100,000 this year for liver research, including funds raised at a Timetations concert held at the Winsor House in early April.

It took Smith over an hour to get through the traffic out of Boston, but she made it to her Snug Harbor Chorus practice that night.

Tessa Casey, the second fastest female runner with a time of 3:56:32, didn't make it back to Duxbury until Tuesday morning.

"We always stay in town at a hotel with a hot tub. It makes it easier," Casey said.

This was Casey's fourth Boston marathon. For the last three years, she has run to raise money for Dana Farber and cancer research, after her father was diagnosed with cancer. This year, she raised \$4,000, with donations still coming in.

Her time this year was fast enough to qualify her for next year's race.

"I'm excited. It was a personal goal, plus next year I will run under my own number, which frees up a number for another person to join the Dana Farber team," Casey said.

She spent last night in the pool and hot tub with her husband and three sons.

"I have three boys. I run a marathon every day chasing them around," Casey joked.